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BUNRISE IN VENICE.

Night seems troubled and scarce asleep,
Her brows are gathered in broken rest;
Sulien old lion of dark Saint Mark,
And a star in the east starts up from the deep,
White as my liles that grow in the went.
Hist: men are passing hurriedly,
I see the yellow wide wings of a bark
call silently over my morning star.
I see man move in the moving dark,
Tall and silent as columns are—
Great simwy men that are good to see,
With hair pushed buck and with open breasts;
Barefonted fishermen seeking their boats,
Brown as walnuts and hairy as goats—
Brave old water dogs, wed to the see,
First to their inbors and last to their reets.

Shins are moving! I hear a horn;
A silver trumpet it sounds to me,
Deep-veined and musical, far a-sea
Answers back, and again it calls.
The the sentinel boats that watch the town
All night, as meanting the watery walls.
And watching for pirate or sunggler. Down
Ever the sea, and reaching away.
And against the east, a soft light falls—
Silvery soft as the mist of morn.
And I catch a breath like the breath of day.

And I catch a breath like the breath of day
The east is blossoming! Yea, a rose,
Vast as the heavons, soft as a liss,
Sweet as the presence of woman is,
Elses and reaches and widens and grows
Eight out of the sea, as a blossoming tree;
Richer and richer, so higher and higher.
Doeper and deeper it takes its hue;
Brighter and brighter it reaches through
The space of heaven and the place of stars,
Till all it as rich as rose can be,
And my rose leaves fall into billows of fire.
Then theams reach, upwards as arms from
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sea; Then lances and arrows are simed at me. Then lances and spangles and spars and bars Are broken and shivered and strown on the

Prison Life in Prance.

London News. The lowest order of mankind are prob-The lowest order of mankind are probably those degraded accountrels who betray their comrades even in jails, and are called "sheep" or "moutons" in French. As soon as their rescality is suspected, it becomes necessary to separate them from the other prisoners; and I saw a whole room full of them thus kept apart. A little humpbacked man had lately asked to be employed as a "sheep" or spy in this infamous service; he wished to get a few half pence. By means of the "moutons" plans of By means of the "moutons" plans of escape are sometimes revealed before they can be carried into execution, and light is often thrown upon mysterious robberies which have baffled the investigation of the police. The hiding places of stolen money, too, have been found

Out in this way.

The diet of the prisoners at La Ro-The diet of the prisoners at La Ro-quette is wholesome and abundant. It consists chiefly of harricot beans, bread and soup. They have meat on Thurs-days and Saudays. The prisoners are in good care, and there is seldom any illness among them. La Roquette is not a cellular prison, and therefore its impales are allowed to associate freely inmates are allowed to associate freely together. They rise at five in summer and six in winter. They have two hours for recreation, and spend them chiefly in talking and lounging about. Cards are forbidden, but games of hazard are played in secret. Ordinary offenses gainst the prison rules are punished by confinement in a cell on bread and water diet. But if a prisoner becomes violent and dangerous a straight-waistcost is put upon him. I entered one of the cells in which prisoners are confined, and I saw a culprit come out of another of them. He did not seem much the worse for his confinement, and began protesting with a vehemence and volubility which nearly got him sent back again. The punishment cells at LaRo-quette are not deprived of light or air. They are furnished with a wooden bench,

so that a map may sit and think there, or walk about and take exercise.

I inquired whether the more hardened I inquired whether the more hardened sort of criminals really cared much for the cells or the strait-waistcoat, and one of the wardens explained that the strait-waistcoat is much dreaded by experious and a culprit to keep him quiet, and he is then simply helpless. But if he continues to be noisy and abusive, his hands are placed in front of him, and this position after awhile becomes irk-some. In extreme cases his hands are placed behind his back, and the utmost fortitude cannot long support that punishment. There are no other modes of chastising refractory prisoners in use at La Roquette. The condemned cells of this prison, which are only tenanted by some. In the Rue Rollin in Paris, a soile Creek, Michagan.

MEMPHIS, TENN: FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 16, 1875.

criminals sentenced to death, are three jealous sergeant de ville slew his wife a criminals sentenced to death, are three lofty, well-lighted rooms, cool and alry in summer, and warmed by an ample stove in the winter time. They are furnished with iron bedsteads, on which are placed two soft woolen mattlesses, one above the other, and a bolster, with sufficient coverings. There are chairs and tables, with other conveniences, and the apartments have a singularly cheerful aspect. Bacquet, who murdered M. Bocher, a commission merchant, was the latest occupant of one of "messieurs les assassios." as Alphonse chant, was the latest occupant of one of these cells. He was the men who had terminated his previous sentence only wenty-four hours before his re-arrest, and he was such an admirable prisoner; till this year. In the first quarter of this that the director of La Roquette was century, 6,665 persops were condemned called as a witness in his favor at his to death, and probably half of them trial. Prisoners under sentence of death were executed. The worst years were in are not subjected to any particular reare not subjected to any particular re-straints; they are merely watched by two warders, and each of the condemned cells is furnished with an slarm bell.

cells is furnished with an slarm bell. There is a good library in the prison.

Most of the French criminals who are executed die hravely; some die joking. Troppmann, the wholesale murderer, was an exception to this rule. He was awfully frightened at the near prospect of his doom. The dressing-room, as chambre de toilette, where the director of La Roquette delivers over his prisoner to the executioner, is a parrow oner to the executioner, is a narrow apartment like a bit cut off a passage. It is whitewasted as to the upper part of its walls, and painted brown near the floor; three doors, all narrow, and espable of being solidly bolted, lead out of it. Its furniture is an almanac, six registers, used to keep acof the prisoner about to suffer, two wood-en benches, one chair. The floor is un-carpeted and uncovered; it seemed to me as though blurred and stained with tears of blood. French executions are still conducted in public, but a hedge of mounted policemen prevents the crowd-from witnessing the last agonies of the dying. Moreover, the guillotine is not now raised upon a scaffold as it was formerly. A man going to have his head cut off may dress as he pleases; and some indulgences are shown to him if he has any appetite for them, as he commonly has on the day preceding his exexcution, for attempts seem to be made with questionable mercy to keep his spirits up to the last. When the order for his execution arrives he is disposed of with marvelous celerity. At 6:30 a m. the governor enters his cell to warn him he is about to die; at 6:50 he has ceased to exist. The whole business of preparing him for eternity is concluded in just ing him for eternity is concluded in just

twenty minutes. The terrible ceremony of the toilet used to consist in cutting off the condemned man's hair; now the hair of culprits sentenced to death is always kept closely cut beforehand, and his brief closely cut beforehand, and his brief agony is not prolonged by any prelimi-nary formalities. The executioner mere-ly tears off his shirt-collar by an advoit movement of the hand, and then the criminal's neck is ready for the knife. M. Rock, the executioner, is un homme movement of the hand, and then the criminal's neck is ready for the knife.

M. Rock, the executioner, is un homme tres froid, deeply pitted with the smallpox, and he does his duty in a cool, collected, very impressive manner. It is necessary to send him away privately in a closed carriage immediately after each execution or the mob might molest him, Victor Hugo and other great French writers have pleaded against capital punishment with such passionate election, and that is to invigorate the entire bedy through the digestive and secretive bregans. Ordinary tonics usually fall to accompany the Hoteler's Stomeen Bitters never. In the tropics, where the diseases originated by malaria are of a far more malignant type than those originated by the same cause in the temperate a me, it enjoys immense and constantly increasing subset, and there is no perturbed to a closed carriage immediately after each execution or the mob might molest him, victor Hugo and other great French writers have pleaded against capital punishment with such passionate elecpunishment with such passionate eloquence that power in France is evidently beginning to get ashamed of shedding blood; and the human instrument em-ployed and 'paid to shed it is very loath-

some to the populace.

of hard labor for life. There were six men engaged in this crime; three who also remained below, and three who went up stairs and slowly and patiently strangled a defense less woman. Georges, Thauvin and Mailiot, a returned convict, were condemed to death about a fort-night ago, but, thanks to the intercession of the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, the triple execution, anxiously expected by the usual satellites of the guillotine, is not to take place. The Court of Cessa-tion has ordered a new trial for another murderer, and has rejected the appeals of two others. The number of crimes committed this year is truly alarming. The papers inform us this morning that the St. Jacques quarter had not recovered from the emotion caused by the assassination of the widow Roques (murdered by her son) when another drama took place in the same street—three children locked up and left to starve. One Flambard too has just been tried One Flambard, too, has just been tried for attempting to assassinate his mother for having served him up some indiffer-ent soup. The jury found extenuating circumstances. Perhaps the soup was bad. Flambard is to finish his career at Toulon. A man called Dubois was also convicted of murder a month ago, and met with the indulgence of the jury. Sent to prison, he endeavored to massa cre a turnkey, and is now to be guillo tined. At Chartres, where the life of a woman convicted of murder was recent-

messieurs les assassios," as Alphonse Karr called them, have no intention of commencing to give up capital punish-ment, and yet crime was on the decline poleon. From 1825 to 1850, there was a decrease; only 1,563 condemnations, and degrease, only 1,5% condemnations, and \$955 executions. It must, however, be taken into account that the penal laws were greatly modified—forgers, arsen, etc., being no longer punished by death. There were seidom more than 100 condemnations in the year, and 75 per cent. were usually executed, except in 1840, when there were fifty-one condemnations, and only six commutations. From 1850 to 1860 there was a further decrease —503 condemnations, 283 executions. Between 1860 and 1870 the number fell to about eleven a year. In 1871 there were ten executions; in 1873 thirty-four; in 1874, probably more, and this year the number of condemnations is fearful. It must be remembered, too, that it is very difficult to get a jury in many parts of France to return a verdict carrying with it capital punishment; they bring in extenuating circumstances, and so avoid having blood on their conscience.

An American gentleman was riding on the top of a coach, in the Trossacks, in company with two enthusiastic Scotchmen, who had pever been there before. Passing a sheet of water one of them exclaimed to the other, "Look, " Look, " Sandy, there's Loch Lomond," and turn-ing to the American, he said, "Have ye ony thing like that in America?" "Oh, yes," replied he, "why we have lakes there that you can sail on for days with-out seeing land!" "Ogh!" granted the Sotchman as be turned to his compan-ion, "he's a leeing Youkee." A zerol

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